

# Digging up the Parish Chest

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Taking your family tree back beyond 1837 isn't always easy as there are fewer records available and cross-referencing evidence is limited.

The main resource for tracing people in this earlier period is Church material in particular Parish Registers which are the best known records once kept in the Parish Chest.

There were however many other records kept by Parish Officials which recorded both people's everyday lives and also its own administrative processes.

Often a neglected source which doesn't always survive, a successful search may well problem solve and surprise.

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